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SUBJECT: Applicants: Cunningham et al.
Serial No: 09/543,612
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING
THE MASS OF A SUBSTANCE
Examiner: Chapman Jr., John E.
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Docket No: DR-308J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Form PTO/SB/30, and a check for \$395.00 for the filing fee for a small entity. Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time Within the Third Month along with a check in the amount of \$510.00 for the fee for a small entity to obtain the extension.

Further enclosed, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, are an Information Disclosure Citation, Form PTO-A820, for the subject application that cites one (1) reference, and a copy of the cited reference.

This Information Disclosure Citation is timely filed and should be considered as it is filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits of the subject application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

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